

January Is Make Your Will Month

By Rev. Carey Cox, Executive Secretary, Baptist Foundation

"January — Make Your Will Month" is not just a slogan but is a truth which has become a practice with many. Approximately 70 percent of the people who die annually die without a will, leaving some \$15 billion, which in many cases produces family disturbances, unnecessary costs of probate, and other problems too numerous to mention. It is very evident that the vast majority of Baptists, instead of just taking notice, should take action.

No matter how large or small your estate may be, your foundation secretary will work with any person to assist in the preparation of a will. If any Baptist work is a recipient of any part of the estate, our attorney will prepare the will without charge. Because of the concern of our people for the support of the Lord's work during their lifetimes, they would like for at least a part of their estate to continue to give support to the Lord's work after their death. This dimension of Christian stewardship can only be accomplished through a Christian will.

New Home Missionaries Most Since 1970

ATLANTA, (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board made 271 missionary appointments in 1975, the highest since 1970, year-end figures reveal.

The final tally shows 91 missionaries, 160 missionary associates and 20 US-2 missionaries were appointed.

The 271 total is five more than the 266 appointed in 1974 and is the highest since 1970 when the total was 322.

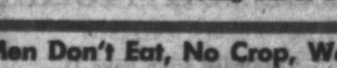
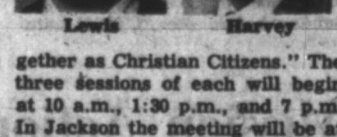
Language missions and Christian social ministries appointments led the totals. Language appointments included 15 missionaries and 90 missionary associates.

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation became an agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1943. Through the years, and especially in 1976, we would like to come to your church or to any person without charge and explain the functions of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation as they relate to Baptist life and work. We can provide bulletin inserts (for use anytime during the year but especially during the month of January), pamphlets and other printed materials. Much of our work is individually oriented; but your

Two Human Relations Workshops Jan. 19-20

Two human relations workshops will be sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and by the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. They will be held Jan. 19 in Jackson and Jan. 20 in Meridian.

The theme will be "Working Together as Christian Citizens."



together as Christian Citizens." The three sessions of each will begin at 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 7 p.m. In Jackson the meeting will be at

Couple Establishes \$50,000 Endowment For First Magee

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Johnston, Jr. of Magee have recently established an endowment fund for the benefit of First Church, Magee. Mr. Johnston presented the church with a check in the amount of \$10,000 as an initial gift.

He has assured the church of an additional \$10,000 per year over a

five year period for a total of \$50,000. The principal plus the interest earned during the initial five year period will become the corpus of the fund.

Rev. Oliver C. Ladner, pastor of the Magee church, revealed

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnston Jr.

Two Of Five Nationwide Workshops In Mississippi

Two of five youth and youth leader workshops that are to be sponsored across the nation by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board will be in Mississippi.

One will be Jan. 26 and 27 in Meridian. The other will be Jan. 29 and 30 in Jackson. In both instances the workshops will be at the First Baptist Church.

The three other workshops are to be in Columbia, S. C.; Kansas City, Mo.; and Glendale, Ariz.



Yarborough

The Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board will be conducting these workshops. Program personalities in Mississippi from the Sunday School Board in Nashville will be Larry Yarborough and Tommy Dixon. Both are consultants in youth work for the Church Training Department.

Each workshop will consist of 4 1/2 hours of conference on consecutive evenings. The program is aimed at helping to develop the volunteer worker, the pastor, the minister of education, and the youth director. Each adult who attends will be able to take one youth in grades seven through 12.

Kenneth King is director of the Church Training Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Information concerning registration should be addressed to him at Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Registration should be accomplished no later than a week prior to the workshop, King said. There is a \$3 registration fee.

Evangelism, Ministry Talks Set For Leaders

ATLANTA, Ga. — A conference on "The Journey Into Lifestyle Evangelism and Ministry" for pastors and church leaders will be sponsored here Feb. 15-19 by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and Brotherhood Commission.

The conference at Atlanta's Holiday Inn Northeast will feature presentations by the pastors and lay persons of First Baptist Church, Norcross, Ga., First Baptist Church, Tucker, Ga., and First Baptist Church, DeRidder, La., all of which have been involved in lay renewal programs.

Reid Hardin, director of renewal evangelism for the Home Mission Board's evangelism section, said he expects some 75-100 persons to register for the entire program which will open on Sunday evening and continue with three sessions daily through Wednesday evening.

Registration fee for the entire conference is \$30 and will include the conference fee, materials, cas-

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15,884 For 126 Churches

Sunday School Enrollment Shows ACTION's Success

NASHVILLE — Initial reports from churches completing ACTION Sunday School enrollment campaigns point to a strong boost for Southern Baptist Sunday Schools, including increased enrollment and attendance.

A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Department of

the Sunday School Board, released the findings of a survey of churches purchasing ACTION packets, as a follow-up to check the impact of ACTION campaigns.

The early survey reported that 126 churches completing ACTION campaigns plus four weeks follow-up enrolled 15,884 new Sunday School members. This ac-

counts for a 19.3 percent gain in Sunday School enrollment in these churches, followed by a 10.2 percent increase in Sunday School attendance.

The report also included 74 other churches in various stages of an ACTION campaign, but before the final Sunday of follow-up. These churches reported enrolling an additional 6,284 Sunday School members, making a grand total of 22,133 new members in Southern Baptist Sunday Schools as a direct result of ACTION campaigns.

"Definite strategy plans are being prepared for the promotion of ACTION in 31 state Baptist conventions," according to Washburn, who predicted that soon all 33 state conventions "would have ACTION as a vital part of their Sunday School programs."

He also reported that some state conventions are making ACTION a fundamental part of their total state planning.

Evening Star Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, Calif., has had the most spectacular results thus far, reporting a 166 percent increase in Sunday School enrollment.

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Rev. Elmer Howell is director of the Brotherhood, and Miss Marjean Patterson is executive secretary of the WMU.

The workshops will be aimed at helping Woman's Missionary Union leadership, Brotherhood leadership, and Mission Committee leadership, Rev. Howell indicated.

Sessions in the mornings will begin with coffee at 9 a.m. and conferences from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Evening sessions will be from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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Mrs. Pearce, Fashions Set For Young Ministers' Wives

Mrs. J. Winston Pearce, author of books on family life and speaker at family life conferences, will be the special guest Jan. 23-24 at the Young Ministers' Wives Retreat.

The weekend retreat at Camp Garaywa in Clinton is especially for those ministers' wives 40 and Mrs. Pearce under. It will begin Friday evening at 6:30 and will conclude Saturday with lunch.

Mrs. Pearce will be leading sessions on "The Ministers' Wife in the Home," and on "The Ministers' Wife in the Church and Com-

munity." She is qualified from her own experiences as a ministers' wife to talk on these subjects.

A fun-time of singing and getting acquainted will be led by Van Grantham of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and Barbara Taylor of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Grantham will also be leading a session on "Helping my Children (and other folks' children) Grow Musically."

A panel of missionary women, moderated by Aline Fuselier of WMU, SBC, Birmingham, will share how it is where they work.

All women want to be fashionable — and Nell Blakeley, Division Manager of the Jr. Department and Ladies Sportswear Department at Sears Roebuck, Inc. in Jackson will be showing what's "in" for spring. In addition to showing new fashions, Mrs. Blakeley will be giving some hints on how to keep last year's wardrobe fashionable this year.

This retreat is planned and programmed each year by Woman's Missionary Union in Mississippi. "It is a highlight event for many young women who attend each year," said Marjean Patterson, WMU executive secretary. "Please join us for a weekend planned with you in mind."

For additional information or registration, write to Woman's Missionary Union, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.



Hunger And Dust Are Upper Volta Realities

By Phil Strickland for Baptist Press

Upper Volta, in Africa's Sahara region, is dusty even in the rainy season. Nothing, to hear it from folks who live there, is like the dry season. Then the whole country resembles a West Texas dust storm. The dust still seeps into every crevice of man and machine even though the rains have come.

The paved road to Sandwabo village was only a memory as we bumped along dirt paths. Finally, Sandwabo. No downtown. No town. Just a few groups of native huts here and there in the bush. It was another African village like hundreds of others, except for one dramatic difference. Sandwabo has a well, made possible by the Baptist

Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) in Upper Volta.

Before they had the well, the Sandwabo women would arise early and walk five miles to fill their clay pots with water, hoping to get to the brackish ponds before the livestock. Now, about 2,000 people from six villages are drinking good, clear, accessible water from that one well.

In terms of the needs of the hungry of the world one well seems almost meaningless until you see the women of Sandwabo joyfully drawing up the water.

The total picture of need is overwhelming. No one really knows how many people in the world are dying of hunger. Most of the hungry die of

Home Missions Hot Line Goes Into Service

ATLANTA, Ga. — News of home missions is as near as your telephone. For the price of a three-minute station-to-station call, you can be plugged into the Home Missions Hotline, where you can receive the latest, most up-to-date news, missionary interviews and information and prayer requests.

Home Missions Hotline will be in service through March, with three lines available, 24 hours a day.

The recordings, updated every

Early Bird Clinics Aid Pastors, VBS Leaders

Early Bird Clinics for pastors and Vacation Bible School directors are under way in 44 associations in the state under the sponsorship of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The purpose of the clinics is to help the churches begin their planning for Vacation Bible Schools in 1976. The clinics are expected to help the churches establish a date for their schools, to determine the organizations needed, to begin enlisting workers, and to order literature.

Clinics have been held already

in Alcorn, Bolivar, Calhoun, Chickasaw, DeSoto, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Monroe, Panola, Tishomingo, and Union County associations.

The schedule for the remaining 32 associations follows. The list shows the association, the date, the place, the time, and the leader.

Adams, Jan. 28, Assoc. Office, Natchez, 10 a.m., Billy Hudgens.

Attala, Jan. 18, FBC, Kosciusko, 10 a.m., Larry Salter.

Choctaw and Webster, Jan. 19, Ackerman Baptist, Ackerman, 2

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In Upper Volta

Hunger And Dust Are Real

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diseases before succumbing to starvation. In the remote villages of the Sahel, in Africa's sub-Sahara, and many other parts of the world, people intent on surviving have no time for keeping records.

Most authorities, however, say that at least 10 million people a year die from hunger-related causes. That's hard to comprehend — 10 million! If it takes more than a couple of minutes to read this article, 50 people will die while you are reading it.

By conservative estimates more than 500 million people are starving. One to two billion people have inadequate diets to function at full capacity. The children and old people suffer most. Sandwaho is typical. The men eat first, then the women, then the children. As they say, "If the men do not eat, there is no crop. Then we all die."

In 1975, UNICEF looked at the plight of children and declared a World Child Emergency. Pointing out that 500 million children are potentially faced with malnutrition, UNICEF estimated that 210 million actually are suffering from malnutrition.

There is now one malnourished child in the world for every United States citizen, and hungry children are increasing faster than Americans. For the Christian, one hungry child in a world which produces enough for everyone to eat should be one too many.

Upper Volta has had rain, so starvation in its crudest forms is less visible than a year ago. We saw the skeleton bodies elsewhere; but in Upper Volta, hunger takes the much more insidious form of chronic malnutrition. Enlarged stomachs, weakened bodies, food-starved minds — these are the signatures of poverty in Upper Volta.

Samuel Yameogo, a young Assembly of God pastor and director of the Protestant Federation of Upper Volta, explained what the population explosion is doing to that country.

"When I was a boy, I learned in school that the population of Upper Volta was three million people," Yameogo said, "Now it is rapidly approaching six million."

Most people in Upper Volta still cook with wood, and each evening one sees hundreds of donkeys, carts and humans with brush piled high as they bring to thousands of people in Ouagadougou wood with which to cook and to warm their homes. To get more wood for more people, the forests are being cut down.

The problems can be seen in other, more important areas. Upper Volta holds the world record for the lowest percentage of literacy and of children in school — both 5 percent. There is one doctor for every 75,000 people. Life expectancy (38 years) ties several other countries for being the lowest in the world.

In spite of having one of the highest infant

mortality rates in the world, the population of Upper Volta is growing at a rate of 2.3 percent a year, a rate that will double the population in 30 years. By the year 2000, a government that cannot now cope with the problems of six million people will have to cope with the problems of 11 million people.

The problems of Upper Volta are a vignette of the problems of the developing world. A visit to these countries brings the conviction that population must be controlled.

The projections are disturbing. The present world population growth is approximately two percent. In some countries the rate exceeds three percent. A three percent growth rate results in a ninefold increase within a century.

Even if there were suddenly a great reduction in the number of births, it would take a generation for the decreases to be felt. The United Nations has made an optimistic estimate that assumes a population growth of two percent until 1985, followed by a gradual decline to 1.7 percent by the end of the century. This would result in a population of 6.5 billion people by the end of the century. World population would not be stabilized until 2125, with a population of 12.3 billion.

As one person put it, "Either the birth rate will go down or the death rate will go up."

Almost as important as controlling population is controlling the rapid increases in per capita consumption in affluent areas.

The average person in the developing world consumes about 400 pounds of grain a year, most of it directly. In America, we consume a ton of grain per person, 1,800 pounds of it in the form of grain-fed meat and dairy products.

Developed countries, with 30 percent of the world's population, consume 51 percent of the world's cereal grain. Rich countries feed more grain to livestock than is consumed by another one-third of the human race.

While meat products have an important place in diets, overuse is detrimental both to us and to hungry people in other parts of the world. The American Heart Association has recommended that Americans eat a third less meat. To do so would release more grain to the market for nations facing critical hunger problems.

The world is in an explosion of change. Presently, there is theoretically enough for everyone to eat. But there is not enough for the rich countries to have and waste all they want if the poor are to be kept alive. (BP)

This is the first in a three-part series based on a project co-sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Phil Strickland is an associate with the Texas Baptist CLC.



Six From State Graduate At Southwestern

Six students from Mississippi received degrees during winter commencement exercises at Southwestern Seminary, December 19. They were, left to right, David Lynn Fennell, Jackson, MRE; John

Kirk Gullledge, Grenada, MRE; Tommy Alan Jarrett, Jackson, MDiv; A. Bolling Kelly, Yazoo City, MDiv; James David Overton, Amory, DMIn; and David Earl Satterwhite, Tupelo, DipTh.

Freedom 76 Presents Reality To Young Adults

SAN ANTONIO (BP) — The 5,000 Baptist students and young adults who attended Baptist-sponsored Freedom 76 should have left here with doubts and uncertainties.

That's the way it was meant to be. The program for this national convocation, sponsored by agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention was intended to make them uncomfortable.

It sought to make them aware of world hunger.

It told them of the awesome responsibilities of freedom, as well as rights, as America, just entering the third century of its existence, would need their participation as Christian citizens in framing domestic and foreign policy in the years following the Bicentennial year.

Less Certain

Many students and young adults went home less certain of the courses they have chartered for their lives. Again, it was deliberately engineered.

Had they given serious enough consideration to serving as missionaries, or in some other church-related vocation? If in secular employment, were they exercising good Christian citizenship there?

Freedom 76 gave no pat answers. It gave only guidelines and support. The participants would have to make their own choices, accept the responsibilities, in their private devotions.

Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church in the host city, directed the attention of the 5,000 students and young adults to the plight of 400 million persons around the world who are starving to death. "While we are at this meeting, 40,000 people will starve to death, most of them under five years of age," he pointed out.

Many delegates heeded Allen's plea to forego one meal during the convocation and donate the cost of the food, or a minimum of \$2.10, to a special offering taken to alleviate world hunger. He said \$2.10 will feed six people through the food program of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, and will provide nourishment for 20 people in Bangladesh.

Delegates responded with \$9,352 for the special offering. The proceeds were shared in Baptist-maintained food programs in San Antonio, nationally, and internationally.

To sharpen the focus on world hunger a meal made of a soy-corn blend was served to delegates touring a world mission exhibit. The bland, yellowish porridge got this rating from one sampler: "Ugh. It's awful. The texture. The taste. Ugh," she grimaced.

In another statement, Allen applied the world hunger problem to the foreign policy of the United States. He described two resolutions pending in Congress (House Resolution 393 and Senate Resolution 66) which would "make the right to food a basic cornerstone of our foreign policy."

Several of the more than 50 seminar and discussion groups at Freedom 76 reenacted an emphasis on the meaning of freedom. A keynote speaker, William M. Pinson, Jr., warned there is more to freedom than the opinion held by most people.

Pinson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., said the majority may think of liberty as freedom "from" tyranny, whereas freedom also involves the responsibility of being free "for" some achievement.

Work Projects

Participants in Freedom 76 demonstrated their Christian citizenship through community work projects. They painted a rescue mission, sorted medicines for a church's free clinic, and provided a portable playground in a neighborhood short of recreational facilities.

W. F. Howard of Dallas, chairman of the program committee, and Ed Seabough of Atlanta, chairman of the promotion and registration committee for Freedom 76, said a major aim of the meeting was to "furnish a strong missions emphasis."

Delegates had their previous life commitments questioned. Through mission exhibits, both home and foreign, and through speeches, seminars and multi-media they were urged to weigh carefully whether God is calling them into career missionary service.

After conference closing addresses by Glendon McCullough of Memphis, executive director of the SBC Brotherhood Commission, and Edward V. Hill, pastor, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, many students and young adults responded to an invitation for commitment.

The commitment was not only to career missionary service, but also to other church-related vocations and to manifesting Christian citizenship and citizenship in everyday business, social, and family life.

Career Opportunities

Through commitment cards containing their names and addresses, Baptist agencies will be able to keep in contact with them and counsel them on career opportunities.

Although the convocation failed to attract the 7,500 to 10,000 persons originally hoped for, those who worked for more than two years to organize Freedom 76 said they consider it a success.

The "real excitement" of Freedom 76 is that students and young adults, on one hand, and the de-

nomination on the other, experienced one another, said Stanley Nelson of Richmond, a member of the program committee and staff member of the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

The Bicentennial flavored all of Freedom 76. It was scheduled to end as Father Time ushered in the new, and Bicentennial, year.

The final phase of Freedom 76 consisted of a dramatic celebration service followed by a candlelight procession of at least 4,000 people along the sidewalks bordering the picturesque San Antonio River. This walk took them near the Alamo, a Texas freedom shrine for which the city is perhaps most famous.

"We want Freedom 76 to continue to speak to student and young adult involvement throughout the third century of our nation," said Charles Roselle, Nashville, general chairman of the convocation and director of the SBC's program of National Student Ministries.

"We also want Freedom 76 to put feet to the mission strategy of our denomination for the remainder of this century, through the witness of students and young adults who have met here and who will be the leaders in the year 2000," Roselle continued.

Bulletin

Dr. J. Therman Lewis, 46, native of Webster County, MS, and resident of Boiling Springs, NC, died January 5. He was professor of Biblical Languages at Gardner-Webb College. Memorial services were held January 7. Story next week.

Sunday School Enrollment

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cent gain in Sunday School enrollment and a 321 percent increase in Sunday School attendance.

On the Sunday before the ACTION campaign began, Evening Star Missionary Baptist Church reported a Sunday School attendance of 150, compared to an attendance of 400 on the fifth Sunday of follow-up.

"We continue to have confirmation that at least 40 percent of the Sunday School members enrolled outside the church become regular in attendance," Washburn reported.

He also said that the Sunday School department is learning that "the new enthusiasm and new Sunday School members tend to generate response from old members and absentees," which accounts for an increase greater than the 40 percent described in the ACTION manual by Andy Anderson, creator of the new plan.

Another church experiencing outstanding results was Providence Baptist Church in Opelika, Ala., where Sunday School enrollment increased by 44.4 percent, followed by a 39.4 percent increase in attendance by the fifth Sunday of follow-up. The attendance was from 299 present on the Sunday before the ACTION cam-

paign to 375 on the fifth Sunday. Several churches report increases similar to those at Providence Baptist Church.

The Sunday School department has promoted ACTION only since August of 1975, but in that time, 2,500 ACTION packets have been sold, each containing three copies of Anderson's book and an accompanying explanatory cassette tape. ACTION packet sales indicate the high interest already shown in the new Sunday School enrollment plan.

"The figures in the survey serve to fully substantiate and surpass our expectations for ACTION," Washburn said.

"The ACTION plan has injected a new spirit of optimism among our Sunday School leadership for both pastors and Sunday School workers."

"New evangelistic opportunities have been brought about by enrolling unsaved and unchurched persons," Washburn explained.

"In practically every case where church leaders employ ACTION, larger memberships result and Baptisms increase almost immediately."

He concluded by saying the overall effect also is "challenging Sunday School workers to even better preparation and training for their work."

Mission Action Institutes

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Conference leaders for adult leaders will be Miss Adrienne Bonham for the WMU and Laddie Adams for the Brotherhood. Miss Bonham is editor of the Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women materials for the Southern Baptist WMU. Adams is director of the Brotherhood Department for Oklahoma Baptists.

For youth leaders the conference directors will be Miss Evelyn Porter for the WMU and Dr. Lee Porter of Nashville and Tim Fields of the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis for the Brotherhood. Miss Blount is promotion department director for the SBC WMU.

For children's leaders Miss Micky Martin will be the conference leader for the WMU and Lee Holloway will be the leader for the Brotherhood. Miss Martin is a consultant for Mission Friends and

Girls in Action for the SBC WMU in Birmingham, Ala. Holloway is editor of Crusader materials for the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis.

The meetings will begin Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church in New Albany. The second session there will begin at 9 a.m. Jan. 20.

At 7 p.m. Jan. 20 and at 9 a.m. Jan. 21 the sessions will be at Calvary Baptist Church in Cleveland. On Jan. 22 the sessions will be at Parkway Baptist Church in Kosciusko, beginning at 9 a.m. and at 7 p.m.

Beginning on Jan. 26, First Baptist Church of Biloxi will host the first session at 7 p.m. and the second session on Jan. 27 at 9 a.m. The same schedule will prevail on Jan. 27 and 28 at First Baptist Church in Brookhaven.

On Jan. 29 the sessions will be at Southside Baptist Church in Meridian at 9 a.m. and at 7 p.m.

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of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Announcement of the workshops was made by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the commission, and Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the board.

Dr. Raymond Harvey, faculty member at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., will present Bible studies on the parables of Jesus. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, Nashville, staff member of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, will deliver two addresses titled "Christian Patriotism or Civil Religion" and "I Pledge Allegiance." Dr. James M. Lewis, Atlanta, Ga., staff member in the Language Missions Department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will speak on "Baptists Working with Ethnic Groups." Rev. Rodney Webb, language missions consultant in the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will discuss "Ministering to All the Deaf in Mississippi."

Dr. James Porch, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Clinton, will speak on "The Many Faces of Prejudice." Rev. Dick Brogan, director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, will give the theme interpretation and preside over the morning session. Hensley will preside over the afternoon session.

In Jackson Chaplain Aaron Jones of Mississippi Baptist Seminary will preside over the evening session. Rev. Clinton O. Inge of Meridian will preside over the evening session in Meridian.

Human relations is a program assignment of the Mississippi Baptist Convention to the Christian Action Commission, and work with National Baptists and ethnic groups is assigned to the Convention Board.

Evangelism

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sette tapes of conference sessions and the cost of the Sunday evening meal and noon meals each day.

Hardin said there would be no charge for persons attending evening sessions only. The conference is open to pastors and church leaders invited by their pastors.

Advance registration can be made by contacting Renewal Evangelism, Home Mission Board 1330 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30306.

An Emphatic "No!"

An emphatic "No!" is what you should say to some young people who are reported to be selling candles, flowers and candles in Jackson under the name of the "Unification Church." This is one of the numerous cults which have arisen in America in recent years, which bear about as much resemblance to true evangelical Christianity as day does to night.

It is reported to us that a group of these young people are aggressively active in Jackson asking everybody to buy and support their work, and using very high pressure tactics in their approach. They practically refuse to take "No!" for an answer, but you will do well to be firm in it and simply turn away. If they continue to pressure you then call the police.

If you want to give money to the Lord's work, do it through your church. Money given to groups like this will not reach legitimate Christian circles.

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executive secretary would be pleased to work with our pastors and directors of Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., Brotherhood, etc., in organizing seminars, programs, and discussions or to speak from the pulpit—any method whereby the message of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation may be presented to the Baptist congregations throughout our state.

The Lord blessed our work during the past year with gifts which increased the corpus of funds in your Mississippi Baptist Foundation to \$4,206,287.03. The earnings on investments were the largest ever and amounted to \$285,999.62. One of the major accomplishments during the year was in the area of will writing. In future years, when these wills are probated, many dollars will be added to the principal of funds and none of this very large amount would give support to kingdom building without Christian wills.

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that the church enthusiastically voted to receive these gifts. The fund will be entitled "Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Johnston, Jr. Endowment Fund." The interest earned by the endowment may be used for any program or project

New Home

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ates for a total of 105. Christian social ministries appointed a total of 50 persons — 32 missionaries and 48 missionary associates.

The rest of the appointments were scattered among cooperative ministries with National Baptists, church extension, metropolitan missions, rural-urban missions, evangelism and special mission ministries.

Home Missions

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Friday morning, will be narrated whenever possible by missionaries visiting the Atlanta office of the Home Mission Board.

Phone number for this, the fourth year of operation, is area code (404) 575-7701.

Hotline may best be utilized by recording messages for playback to missions organization meetings or during church service.

Woodville

Pastor Retires

Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Beverly retired Dec. 31 after 42 years in the ministry and 26 years at the Woodville Baptist Church. They have moved into their new home in Meadowbrook subdivision in Woodville. Rev. Beverly is retiring from the pastorate but not from the ministry. He will be available for supply and interim work when needed.

He began his ministry in the Mississippi Delta at Hardy and Paynes (in Tallahatchie County and Grenada County). He was born on Mississippi Gulf Coast at McHenry and then his parents moved back to Wayne County and that's where he met his wife. They went to Clarke College, Mississippi College and on to New Orleans Seminary. While at Mississippi College he began his ministry at Hardy and Paynes and had some small churches, Tillatobia, Elliott and several others.

From Hardy and Paynes the Beverlys went to Flora. After 7 years there they went to Woodville and have been there 26 years.

Woodville Church is the oldest church in the state.

of the church. Mr. Ladnier also expressed appreciation on behalf of the church to the Johnston family for this generous contribution to the Lord's work.

1975: Religion In Review

(Continued from Last Week)

Education

Private and church-related elementary and secondary schools enrolled nearly one-tenth of all U.S. students in 1975. Court dockets bulged with legislation governing non-public schools. Pennsylvania's Governor Milton J. Shapp asked for \$33 million for non-public schools, eventually got \$31 million despite a ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court that such laws were unconstitutional. Minnesota approved \$12 million for non-public school pupils, an action upheld by a U.S. District Court. Ohio's \$4 million-per-year parochial school aid plan was quashed by the U.S. Supreme Court; but parents appealed, citing "religious freedom."

New York studied a bill offering \$1,000-a-child tax exemption for tuition-paying parents, although 59 per cent of New Yorkers opposed parochial. Washington voters killed a parochial bill, and Maryland citizens defeated a proposed \$10 million-a-year school aid bill.

148 organizations united in 1975 to restore prayer in public schools. Tennessee eliminated the requirement that the Genesis creation story be taught alongside evolution and creationists lost in California as the state Board of Education adopted new science and social science texts without the Biblical doctrine of creation.

The IRS announced it would demand proof of racial non-discrimination of schools file for federal income tax exemption, and the U.S. Supreme Court upheld textbook loans but banned auxiliary school services and equipment.

Publishing

Sales of religious books boomed in 1975. 42 per cent of American families bought Bibles or other religious books. The American Tract Society celebrated its sesquicentennial. Readership in the Catholic press of North America rose to 23,492,737; member periodicals of the Associated Church Press recorded about half that figure; the 227 magazines of the Evangelical Press Association listed a readership approaching 11 million.

Logos International introduced a "grass roots" tabloid titled National Courier. Other new publishing ventures included Navpress of The Navigators, Catalyst of evangelical United Methodists, Horizon House of Canada's Evangelistic Enterprises Society, Christian University Press of Eerdmans and the Christian College Consortium, and Christian Herald House, to list a few.

Campus Life took first place in EPA's 1975 "Awards of Excellence" competition. The Christian Inquirer celebrated five years of publishing. Today Magazine failed, leaving American Methodism without a periodical for the first time in 150 years.

The U.S. Bicentennial theme appeared profusely in published materials on the eve of celebrations. Scriptures were distributed in more than 1,550 languages, the entire Bible in 257, the New Testament in 368. Friends of fledgling journalism students donated \$1,875 to EPA's new Mel Larson Journalism Scholarship.

Broadcasting

God's people gave the winds a mighty voice in 1975, successfully opening new stations on Guam and in the Philippines.

A blizzard of 100,000 protests swamped FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley's office as concerned people helped to defeat the Lunsman-Lorenzo petition which asked the Federal Communications Commission to still the voices of religious broadcasters offering "24 hours of proselytization."

The year's biggest disappointment was the heavy dosage of sex and violence which continued through "family time" evening viewing. Millions of people, tired of being embarrassed by TV, concluded that the medium no longer was acting as a guest and had become instead an intruder.

Race

Contacts between white and black Americans increased in 1975 and, according to the Institute for Social Research, attitudes shifted generally from negative to positive.

Bob Jones University, for the first time, permitted the enrollment of unmarried black students. One hundred evangelicals held a National Workshop on Race and Reconciliation in Atlanta and established a continuing program on racial understanding and social action. Members of the Progressive National Baptist Convention recommended that black Americans join in celebrating the U. S. bicentennial provided the celebration is a "call to repentance."

Urban Ministries, Inc. launched a new Sunday school literature series to correct the impression that Jesus is white Anglo-Saxon or that Christianity is the white man's religion. Campus Crusade for Christ sponsored "Harambe Holiday," a Chicago conference which drew 800 delegates, including 40 pastors.

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Evangelist Billy Graham took first and second place among America's most admired men as the year began.

Names in the Headlines

Kathryn Kuhlman settled out of court a \$430,500 damage suit brought by a former aide. Theologian and Mrs. Henry P. Van Dusen successfully carried out a suicide pact at ages 77 and 80 respectively. Columnist Ann Landers found a question she

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couldn't answer and was divorced after 36 years of marriage. Patty Herst's mother exclaimed, "God has answered our prayers!" when her daughter was found Sept. 18. Bill Bright told an audience of charismatics, "I love you." T-Sgt. Leonard P. Matlovich, an admitted homosexual was found unfit to serve in the Air Force. Basketball superstar Jerry Lucas peddled his methods of memorizing long passages of the Bible. Evangelist Arthur Blessitt entered the Presidential primaries. Jack Ford admitted from the White House that he has smoked marijuana. His mother shocked a nation by expressing on television her liberal views concerning abortion and premarital sex. President Ford served as Honorary Chairman for the 35th interfaith National Bible Week.

Deaths

The year took such internationally known leaders as Chiang Kai-shek, the 87-year-old President of Nationalist China; Halle Selassie at 83, the last monarch in 3,000 years of rule by kings claiming to descend from the legendary union of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. Arnold Toynbee at 86, historian and writer of the 12-volume series, "A Study of History"; and Black Muslim Prophet Elijah Muhammad at 77.

In the Christian community death took Paul E. Little, champion of students, teacher and author; Cornelius P. Haggard, president of Azusa Pacific College at 63; Frank Tripp at 81, retired Southern Baptist leader; John H. Boewe, 56, mission director and printer; Orville Walters at 71, president of the Institute for Advanced Christian Studies; and John Haggai, Jr., only child of the internationally known evangelist.

What was America's number one problem in 1975? "Apathy," said an NAE leader; "Lack of discipline," said a Roman Catholic bishop; "Lack of caring," said an ex-Watergate offender; "Higher public morality than private morality," said a philosophy professor; and "Lack of interior life," said a Jesuit.

Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun offered a sobering summary of the year: "The nation is ethically confused and is floundering morally." He called on the church to help recover an awareness of what is right and wrong.

The state of the world lends itself to dramatic concern. At year's end: the spotlight of history focused on what is left of Karen Quinlan, 21 years old and weighing about 60 pounds on her hospital bed, dead, yet kept alive with oxygen from a mechanical respirator. But what is perhaps worse is the multitude of human beings throughout the world unplugged from a fulfilling existence in various ways each day. Hunger and disease keep them from a full and joyous existence. They cannot savor life, feeling only pain and frustration. No one will ever know what they might have been.

Society has spent more than \$100,000 on Karen Quinlan. Shall we not try as zealously to help living people to find the Light of Life?



Mississippi NOBTS Graduates

Pictured above are the Mississippi December graduates from New Orleans Seminary. Larry W. Fields, pastor of First, Summit, and Joe H. Stovall, pastor of Parkhill, Jackson, received Doctor of Ministry degrees. Row 1 — Ronald H. Jordan, Dan R. Nelson, Richard W. Malone, R. G. Stuart, Jr., Judith L. Lide, Dianne Martin, Larry L. Reid, Larry Garner, Robert Trotter, Jerry Windsor. Row 2 — Larry Fields, John Landrum, Jr., James K. Beck, Ronald H. Ballard, Michael Hunt, Joe Stovall, Jr., Row 3 — A. M. Moore, John Engle, Billy Joe Hallmark, Wayne E. Fults, John G. Winscott. Row 4 — John E. Marshall, Roger Gilbert, Ronald Stuckey, Landres Wilbourn, Donald E. Ricks, Wylie Heath.

Early Bird Clinics To Aid Pastors And VBS Leaders

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p.m., Billy Hudgens.
Clarke, Jan. 19, Rolling Creek, Quitman, 7 p.m., Billy Hudgens.
Copiah, Jan. 19, FBC, Crystal Springs, 7 p.m., Judd R. Allen.
Franklin, Jan. 26, Assoc. Office.
Natchez, 10 a.m., Billy Hudgens.
Greene, Jan. 27, FBC, Leakesville, 7 p.m., Billy Hudgens.
Gulf Coast, Jan. 28, Baptist Center, Gulfport, 10 a.m., Larry Salter.
Holmes, Jan. 20, FBC, Lexington, 7 p.m., Larry Salter.
Humphreys, Jan. 19, Eastside, Belzoni, 7 p.m., Larry Salter.
Jackson, Jan. 26, FBC, Moss Point, 10 a.m., Larry Salter.
Jones, Jan. 20, FBC, Laurel, 10 a.m., Billy Hudgens.
Kemper, Jan. 19, Assoc. Office, Philadelphia, 11 a.m., Billy Hudgens.
Lamar, Jan. 26, FBC, Purvis, 7 p.m., Billy Hudgens.
Leake, Jan. 20, Trinity, Carthage, 7 p.m., Judd R. Allen.
Lebanon, Jan. 26, Main Street, Hattiesburg, 10 a.m., Bryant M. Cummings.
Leflore, Jan. 20, FBC, Greenwood, 2 p.m., Larry Salter.
Lincoln, Jan. 26, FBC, Brookhaven, 7 p.m., Judd R. Allen.
Mississippi, Jan. 26, Liberty, Liberty, 2 p.m., Billy Hudgens.
Neshoba, Jan. 19, Assoc. Office, Philadelphia, 11 a.m., Billy Hudgens.
Newton, March 4, West Calvary, Union, 4:30 p.m., Billy Hudgens.
Pearl River, Jan. 27, Union, Picayune, 7 p.m., Larry Salter.
Pike, Jan. 26, FBC, McComb, 7 p.m., Billy Hudgens.
Scott, Jan. 19, Forest, Forest, 10 a.m., Judd R. Allen.
Simpson, Jan. 20, Simpson Baptist Center, Mendenhall, 7 p.m., Billy Hudgens.

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Smith, Jan. 21, FBC, Raleigh, 9 a.m., Billy Hudgens.
Union, Jan. 26, Assoc. Office, Natchez, 10 a.m., Billy Hudgens.
Walthall, Jan. 27, Tylertown, Tylertown, 7 p.m., Bryant M. Cummings.
Warren, Jan. 22, Highland, Vicksburg, 7 p.m., Larry Salter.
Wayne, Jan. 27, FBC, Waynesboro, 7 p.m., Judd R. Allen.
Yazoo, Jan. 19, Calvary, Yazoo City, 7 p.m., Bryant M. Cummings.

There is nothing wrong with America that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence, and energy of her citizens cannot cure. — Dwight D. Eisenhower

This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny. — Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Billy Hudgens, a consultant for the Sunday School Department, MBCB, is author of an article in December Outreach on "Telling the Church About January Bible Study."

Rev. John Farris was ordained to the ministry in a service at Halbert Heights Church, Brookhaven, on November 23, 1975. He is the new pastor at Halbert Heights. Dr. Garner M. Clark of Prattville, Alabama, preached the ordination sermon; Rev. Edgar L. Wright was moderator for the service; Dr. Hiram Campbell of New Orleans gave the charge to the church.

Evangelist Perry Neal, former minister of evangelism and youth at First Church, Biloxi, and former pastor of First Church, Bay St. Louis is entering his second year of full-time evangelism this January. During his first year in evangelism, Mr. Neal led in 36 revivals across nine states, with eleven of the revivals in Mississippi. Tom Larrimore, music evangelism from Jackson, served as team member in 25 of these meetings. Evangelist Neal may be contacted at 4418 Wares Ferry Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36109 (phone 205-279-8710). He says, "I praise God for the privilege of service as I begin this second year."

Names In The News

Eugene Gillis was licensed to preach the gospel December 21 by New Palestine Church, Picayune. Mr. Gillis served churches in Mississippi and Alabama as minister of music and youth before coming to New Palestine in a similar capacity. He is enrolled in the Master of Divinity program of studies at New Orleans Seminary. Rev. Harry Barnes is pastor.

1,500 Receive Christ In Philippine Crusade

MANILA, Philippines (BP) — A crusade in Southern Mindanao, led by a team of 26 American preachers from six states, resulted in more than 1,500 public professions of faith, according to Southern Baptist missionary Robert N. Nash.

The team, organized by independent evangelist Gene Williams, led the crusade during the "first two weeks" of December. Williams was invited to lead the crusade effort by Southern Baptist missionaries in the Philippines. Missionaries and national Baptist leaders coordinated plans for the evangelistic campaign.

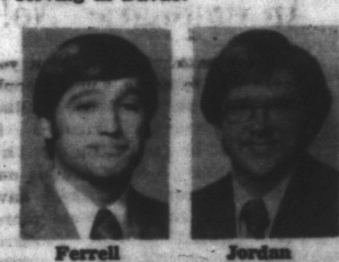
At M'Lang, professions of faith totaled 170, of whom 98 have already been baptized by Leo Salazar, a local pastor and president of the Mindanao Baptist Convention. Bill Tisdale, pastor of Casa View Baptist Church, Dallas, and a former missionary to the Philippines, was the evangelist in that city.

Ron Herrod, pastor of First Baptist Church, Keener, La., worked among tribal groups where 134 accepted Christ.

Alan Mason, pastor of Leesville Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va., reported a total of 159 professions of faith during the two weeks. Mason baptized 79 of those.

Two laymen preached in areas which have no pastors. L. C. Bryant baptized 41. Richard Fears of Los Angeles, Calif., baptized 11. Miles Seaborn, from Birchman

Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., preached at Matina Baptist Church, Davao, where 42 professions of faith were made. Seaborn, a former missionary to the Philippines, started the Matina Church several years ago while serving in Davao.



Ferrell Jordan

Seminary Holds December Graduation

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Three Mississippi students were among more than 140 seminarians who received degrees December 19 during commencement exercises at Southern Seminary. Seminary president Duke K. McCall presented degrees to the graduates.

Receiving the master of divinity degree were William Curtis Ferrell (Clinton) and Robert Mark Jordan (Meridian). The master of church music degree was awarded to Robert A. Baggett, Jr. (Tupelo).

Prayer Lift For Pastors: January 11-17

Jan. 11
Rev. Herman Harbin
Rev. Mike Ridgely
Rev. Wayne Campbell
Rev. Garland Eaves
Rev. B. D. Hardin
Jan. 12
Rev. Leroy Arnett
Rev. Joe Anderson
Rev. Rusty Gunn
Rev. Walter Vance
Rev. Jesse Spears
Jan. 13
Rev. Ira Spears
Rev. Charles Rogers
Rev. J. A. Simmons
Rev. Freddie Tanksley
Rev. Sammy Ray
Jan. 14
Dr. Harold Kitchings
Rev. Johnny Parks
Rev. William Phillips
Rev. Henning Andrews
Rev. George Pitts
Jan. 15
Rev. Horace McMillan
Rev. Royce Lanster
Rev. Lamar Burkes
Rev. Walter Vance
Rev. Danny Chaney
Jan. 16
Rev. Michael Hunt
Rev. Floyd Higginbotham
Rev. Donald Witzel
Rev. Joe Blackwell
Rev. H. C. Talley
Jan. 17
Rev. J. D. Joslin
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Rev. Edward McCafferty
Rev. Thomas Thornton
Rev. Mike Burckynski

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"The Foundation Of God Standeth Sure"

Writing to Timothy, the Apostle Paul discusses some events which were disturbing the Lord's work, and the lives of Christians, but gives the assuring word, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure..." (2 Timothy 2:19).

In Hebrews 12:25-27 there is a discussion of the "shaking" of some of the things of earth, but assurance is given that some things "cannot be shaken."

Connecting the two statements, Christians have the assurance of the solid, unshakeable foundation, whereupon they can stand, no matter what may be happening about them.

Christians of today live in a time when many of the values of life and things of the world are being "shaken." Our nation, as it enters the Bicentennial year, faces many "shaky" situations. Neither are world conditions very encouraging.

In government circles all is not well, and leaders desperately are seeking solutions to problems confronting them.

Moral standards of the nation seem to be at an all time low, and whether one looks at the home, the entertainment world, the social life, education, literature, or in almost any other field, he finds a situation that is not good.

Inflation becomes a more serious problem with each passing day. Ecological problems beset us.

Tremendous shortages in foods, in fuel supplies, and other areas grow more serious as the population continues to explode. Hunger is the major problem of the world today.

Little wars are being fought, and holocausts are threatened.

Forces of the ungodly continue a triumphant march across the world, and there seems to be no hope for stopping them.

Evil forces appear to grow worse, and worse, and right often seems to be in retreat.

The Christian looking at the world situation may stand perplexed. He may wonder with others, "What is the world coming to?" As he stands wondering about these things, however, he needs to turn back to his Bible. He also needs to look at history.

The Bible makes very clear that no utopia is to be found on this earth before the Lord Himself returns. Neither is there a promise that the world is going to get better. Instead, the Word says that world conditions are going to get worse. It tells of a time when "Men's hearts (will be) failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth..." (Luke 21:26). There is no promise that men will build eternal kingdoms here on the earth. World systems are destined to fail.

Nevertheless, Christians do not need to fear. They can see worlds

about them crumbling, without being upset. Their real citizenship is in heaven. They are part of a kingdom which will not fail. They believe in things which cannot be "shaken." They have a foundation that will not give way.

This is not the first time in Christian history that Christian people lived in a troubled world. Look back in history and see how many times the picture was dark, especially for Christians. Yet, the church and Christianity came through and they will again. And even world conditions passed the crises times.

Years ago there appeared in a national magazine the story of Architect Frank Lloyd Wright and the Imperial Hotel he built in Tokyo, Japan. Recognizing that the city was in an earthquake zone, Wright had used a new type of construction in which the entire superstructure of the hotel was tied together in a steel network such as is now used in almost all buildings. There were no loadbearing walls, and the whole building rested on bedrock far below the earthquake prone surface.

In 1923 when a great earthquake practically leveled Tokyo, Wright, in the USA, was handed a telegram informing him of the destruction, and friends began to sympathize with him in the loss of the recently constructed hotel. He replied that the hotel was not destroyed by the quake, for it could not be, because of the type of construction. The friends shook their heads, feeling that he was overly optimistic. Nevertheless when the news finally got through, it was learned that the Imperial Hotel was the only major building left standing in a vast sea of destruction at the center of the city, and that government offices and the Emperor himself actually had moved into it. The famed architect had built with the proper foundation, and when the shaking came, that foundation stood firm.

Our Lord has built upon a firm foundation, and we can be sure that the things of God, will not be shaken, no matter what may come to the world.

Let Christians keep their eyes upon Christ, and upon the promises of God and they do not need to be afraid.

"The foundation of God standeth sure."

Missionaries And The CIA

Americans were startled a few weeks ago to learn that the Central Intelligence Agency had been using missionaries from churches in the United States in its intelligence gathering activities in foreign lands.

When the story broke, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention immediately issued a denial that any Southern Baptist missionaries ever had been so involved.

Officials of the board said, "Southern Baptist missionaries go to their fields to share the gospel of Christ and minister to human need. They do not involve themselves in political affairs. They are recognized as people who are dedicated to the purpose of Christian witness

and service."

We are sure that all Southern Baptists are pleased to see this statement. Our people are not in different to what is happening in other lands which may have an effect on our own nation, nor do they oppose government agencies seeking to remain informed concerning those activities. Nevertheless, Southern Baptists do not believe that missionaries are sent out as agents of the American government. They are representatives of Jesus Christ and His churches, and they go to carry the message of Christ, and to minister in His name. May the policy of never doing anything else be the continuing position of our board.

centering on Lydia, seller of purple. Jewish convert, and friend of Paul.

THREE CHURCHES IN RENEWAL by Lawrence O. Richards (Zondervan, paper, 128 pp., \$2.95) We hear much concerning church renewal in this day. This book presents the stories of three churches, their pastors and their people and shows how renewal has come to them through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the preaching of the Word and the witness for Christ. The churches are Our Heritage in Scottsdale, Arizona; Mariners Church in Newport Beach, California and Trinity Church of Seattle, Washington. The things which happened in these churches may not happen in many Southern Baptist churches, but the sources of renewal are the same.

FACT AND FAITH by David L. Bartlett (Judson, paper, 144 pp., \$3.95) The subtitle is "Coming to Grips with Miracles in the New Testament." The author shows how the miracles are related to point to Jesus as the Incarnation of the living God. Christ Himself is the central miracle of the New Testament.

HOW TO PRAY FOR HEALING by Mary B. Wenhe (Revel, 95 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.50) The author believes that only God can heal and discusses in 30 brief scripture based outlines how we can bring our petitions to God.

SATAN—THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF DARKNESS by Frederick A. Tafford (Kregel, 118 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.95) A widely known writer on prophetic and related Bible themes presents a discussion of Satan and his place in the world. The book was originally published in England.

WORD IN DEED, THEOLOGICAL THEMES IN EVANGELISM by Gabriel Fackre (Eerdmans, pocket book, paper, 190 pp., \$1.95) A professor of theology at Andover Newton Theological School, discusses evangelism in modern life. His themes are: presentation, proclamation, authorization, action, and conversion.

CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY IN GEOLOGIC PERSPECTIVE by Chauncey Holmes (Dorrance & Co., 115 pp., \$4.95) A search into the backgrounds of Chris-

tianity and man's spiritual relationships. The author seeks to show man's relationship to God. He says that spirituality has been a progressive development essentially an evolutionary movement in understanding God and his creation and says that even recent centuries have brought new understanding of God and His revelation.

THE NEW CHILDREN by Sister Gus (Whitaker, Pocket book, paper, 196 pp., \$1.50) A former youth worker, evidently Roman Catholic, reports on a ministry of counselling with young people, stories of dealing with individual youth and their problems.

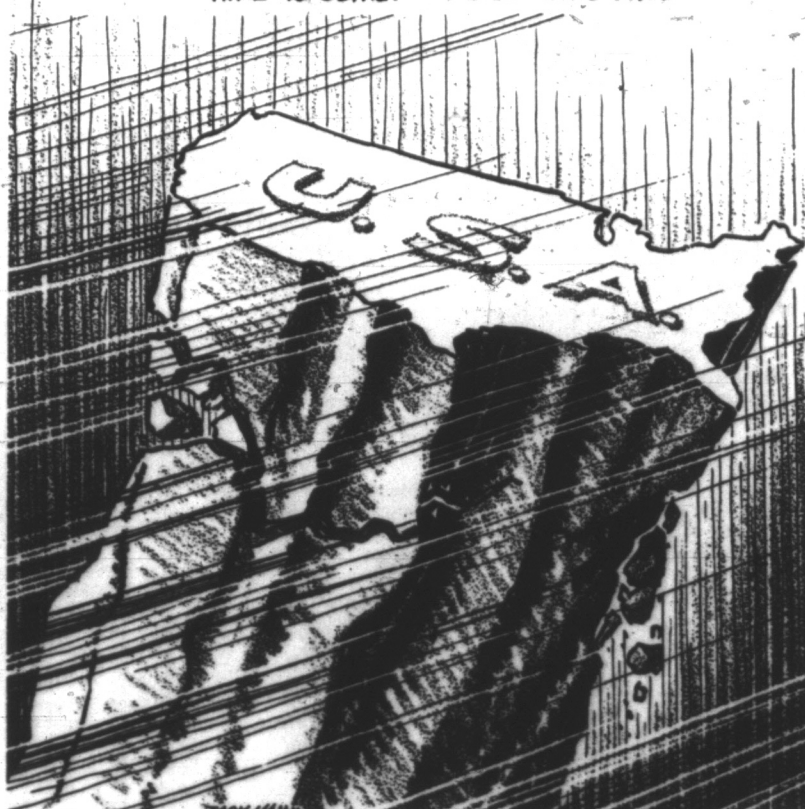
THE HALLELUJAH SIDE, Instant Sounds arranged by Myra Schubert (Melody Publication, 56 pp., \$1.95). Choral arrangements such as "I Must Tell Jesus," "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," "Follow On," "Satisfied" and others. Cassette available.

FRASE YE THE TRIUNE GOD arranged by Bob Krogstad (Melody Publications, 62 pp., \$1.95). Choral arrangements — includes "Oh, How I Love Jesus," "All I Need," "Hallelujah," and others. Recording and sound tracks available.

MY BIRTHDAY WISH; A DAY OF FRASE; A MOUNTAIN TOP ADVENTURE; A BOY'S BEST FRIEND by Jane Gurley (Revel, 24 pp. each, profusely illustrated in full color, \$95 ea.) The first four books in a new series for children called "Butterfly Books". Stories of school, home, pets, play, parks, birthdays, parents, and other subjects children will love, all written in a manner to teach love of God and trust in Christ. These are books which children will love, and which teach Christian lessons which all children need to learn.

FROM DAY TO DAY, A MESSAGE FROM THE BIBLE FOR EACH DAY OF THE YEAR by Frank E. Gaebelein, (Baker, 195 pp., \$2.95) Former head of The Stonybrook School in New York and now retired, Dr. Gaebelein shares what he has learned from the Scriptures about serving God in the responsibilities of everyday life.

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THE BAPTIST FORUM

An Invitation To Governor's Prayer Breakfast

Dear Dr. Odle,

January 20th, as you know, is inauguration day in the state of Mississippi. On that day, we will inaugurate Cliff Finch as our new governor. Part of the activities of the day will be a prayer breakfast which Governor Finch asked me to set up. It is open to the general public and a continental style breakfast will be served.

The prayer breakfast will be held at the Ramada Inn-Coliseum, Jackson, at 7 in the morning. The program itself will feature several ministers from throughout the state, most of whom have had some particular relationship with the governor-elect. I hope that I may extend through the medium of the Baptist Record an invitation to the people of Mississippi to be with us on that memorable day and to be present at the prayer breakfast which we believe will set the tone for the day.

Wishing you the very best Bicentennial year possible in Christ's service, I am

Robert E. Self, Pastor
First, Batesville

An Open Letter To Southern Baptists

Thank you, Southern Baptists, for responding to the needs of thousands of Vietnamese and other Indochinese refugees who sought asylum in this country. This is not the first time — nor will it likely be the last — that our churches have helped sponsor refugees. But never before have there been so many resettled in such a short span of time. Nearly one thousand Southern Baptist churches or groups have served as sponsors. Numerous others have helped in other ways, such as providing financial support, teaching English classes, giving clothes and food, and offering prayer support.

The personnel of the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board, state conventions, associations, and churches joined hands in supporting the ministry to the refugees both in and out of the camps. Southern Baptists can be proud of their part in this tremendous endeavor. As we approach our bicentennial year Baptists, who contributed significantly to the establishment of religious freedom in our nation, can be thankful that our doors still swing open to those seeking refuge and freedom. And that we as Baptists still are active participants in the building of a great America.

Thank you, Southern Baptists.
Irvin Dawson
Office of Immigration & Refugee Service
Home Mission Board
Atlanta, GA

Christmas Eve To Remember

Dear Editor:

We gathered together on that cold rainy night because it was Wednesday and we were in the habit of doing so. But this night was Christmas Eve. As we sang Christmas carols, read God's Word, and prayed for His blessings, we were warned. The children were restless and excited. But none had anticipated what was to come. Very soon a feeling of oneness came to rest upon us. It was like the warmth of a fireplace. Hearts were filled with His Spirit. Faces were aglow.

As we left we softly wished each other, "Merry Christmas."

Bicentennial Feature Baptists Demand Equal Rights With State Church

BOSTON, December, 1973 — (BP) — A new Massachusetts exemption law, under which Baptists would not be required to pay taxes to support the state church if they meet certain conditions, was rejected by Baptists. They said they would take their case to the King if Massachusetts authorities do not put an end to persecution.

Under the new law, Baptists will not be taxed to support another church if they can present certificates "signed by three or more principal members of the congregation and the minister, if there be any." The certificate is to testify that the holder is "conscientiously of the Baptist persuasion."

Baptists stoutly protested the law, saying it not only allows authorities to sit in judgment on the consciences of Baptists but also to reject the certificates of any who are not actually members of Baptist churches.

They also denounced the law on grounds that the civil power does not have the right to set one religious group up over another; the civil authority has assumed powers which rightly reside with the churches; government control of churches will destroy the life and purity of religion; by favoring one church and persecuting another, the government is fomenting contention and interfering with freedom of choice in religious matters.

Baptists have been attacked for threatening to take their grievances to the King and are being accused of disloyalty. The denomination has placed advertisements in newspapers, calling on Baptists to submit evidence of their persecution.

In defending their position — which they said was taken only as a last resort — Baptists declared that taxes imposed by the British Parliament on America are not more contrary to civil freedom than the Massachusetts clergy tax is to religious liberty.

Prepared for Baptist Press by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, Nashville.

As we gather on those Wednesday nights in 1976, His Spirit will still be with us and in us. Happy New Year!

Mrs. Will Dunaway
East McComb Baptist Church
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Baptist Bicentennial Rally To Feature Music, Preaching



Cranford



St. Amant



Scales



Patterson



Landgrave



Gaustad



Taylor



Hudson

WASHINGTON (BPA) — Music and preaching will highlight a mass worship service at the National Baptist Memorial Church here during the Baptist Bicentennial Convocation January 12-15, according to James E. Wood, Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Clarence W. Cranford, internationally popular Baptist preacher and for almost 30 years pastor of Washington's Calvary Baptist Church, will be the featured speaker at the service the evening of January 14.

Forty musicians from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will perform under the direction of Phillip Landgrave, a professor of church music at the seminary. The group will include singers and orchestra members. Local artists will complement the Louisville group to make for a 30-voice choir and a 30-piece orchestra.

Landgrave will direct the group in presenting "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," a musical authorized by the Historical Commission and the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention together with the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, as part of the Convention's 1976

emphasis, "We Hold These Truths."

Landgrave, the composer of "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," will direct the choir and orchestra in the first presentation of the musical to a national group.

Cranford, known widely in many Baptist conventions and conferences, will preach on the subject, "The Magnificent Obsession."

The rally is part of the Baptist Bicentennial Convocation, an event sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee at the request of the North American Baptist Fellowship. It will be the only national bicentennial event in which various Baptist groups in the nation will join hands cooperatively.

The Convocation will take place at the Shoreham - Americana hotel in Washington and attendance will be restricted to registered participants.

However, the rally at National Baptist Memorial Church will be open to the public. Churches from the District of Columbia and neighboring Maryland and northern Virginia will participate, making it one of the largest such events here in the recent past.

National Baptist Memorial Church was founded in 1906 as a monument to religious liberty by the Northern Baptist Convention

(now the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.) and the Southern Baptist Convention. R. Stuart Grizzard is the present pastor.

Under the Convocation's general theme, "Baptists and the American Experience," five plenary sessions are scheduled. Each of these will deal with a distinct element of the Baptist contribution to the religious and social fabric of the nation. Topics for the plenary sessions are: "Baptists, Liberty, and the American Revolution," "Baptists and Human Rights in the American Experience," "The Interaction of Church and Nation at Home and Abroad," "Religious Liberty and Public Policy," and "Out of Many, One: Baptist Pluralism and Unity."

Major speakers for the plenary sessions include Winthrop S. Hudson, Colgate professor of American Christianity at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y.; Edwin S. Gaustad, professor of history at the University of California, Riverside; Gardner Taylor, pastor of the Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. Morgan Patterson, professor of church history at the Southern Baptist Theologi-

cal Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Glenn T. Miller, professor of religion, Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y.; James Ralph Scales, president, Wake Forest University, Winston - Salem, N. C.; and Penrose St. Amant, president, Baptist Theological Seminary, Rushikron, Switzerland.

In addition to attending the plenary sessions, participants will be divided into four seminar groups on three separate occasions for discussion on a variety of related themes. Among the leaders of the seminar discussions will be G. Welton Gaddy, Walfrid H. Peterson, William F. Keucher, Charles G. Adams, William M. Pison, Jr., O. Carroll Arnold, C. Emanuel Carlson, George W. Hill, Robert G. Torbet, G. Hugh Wamble, Henry C. Gregory, III, and Frank H. Woyke.

All the papers of the Convocation are to be published in book form in the spring of 1976 by Judson Press, an American Baptist publishing house.

Registration is still open for the Baptist Bicentennial Convocation. Information is available from the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D. C. The telephone number is (202) 544-4226.



News has reached the Carey School of Nursing that it has been awarded accreditation by the National League of Nursing. Rejoicing over the letter bearing the good news are two baccalaureate nursing students, from left: Karen Bedwell of Hattiesburg, and Carol Faulkenberry of Ponchatoula, La. President J. Ralph Noonkester joins the students in the pride of achievement. The Carey School of Nursing is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

Carey School Of Nursing Receives Accreditation

The William Carey College School of Nursing has received word that initial accreditation for the baccalaureate degree program in nursing has been granted by the National League for Nursing's Board of Review for Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs.

The announcement was made public by President J. Ralph Noonkester of William Carey College and by Dr. Flora Blackstock, Dean of the Carey School of Nursing. Dr. Joseph M. Ernst, Academic Vice-President, said that

the effective date is retroactive to the 8-month period prior to the Board's decision.

The Carey School of Nursing came into being in 1969 when the Hattiesburg institution merged with the highly acclaimed Mather School of Nursing of New Orleans' Southern Baptist Hospital. "At that time six young women, training for the diploma program in nursing, transferred into the new baccalaureate four-year degree program leading to the bachelor of science in nursing degree.



A Vietnamese refugee family has a new home on the Gulf Coast as a result of the efforts of First Baptist Church, Biloxi. Working in the kitchen of their new residence are members of the Dang family, from left, Thi Phuong Minh, (sister to Mr. Dang), Thi Mai Phuong, and Mai Thi Phiem, wife and mother.



Members of the Vietnamese family of Dang Vang Phung, standing, are now living on the Coast, having arrived there in November from Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas. Shown with Dang are four of his children, from left, Thi Trac Mai, Thi Trac Chi, Minh Tung, and Van Huy.

First, Biloxi Sponsors Vietnamese Family Of Nine

Through the sponsoring efforts of First Baptist Church of Biloxi, the Dang Vang Phung family is now living on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Dang, his sister, and the six Dang children left their inland Vietnam home April 30 and were adrift at sea ten days before being picked up by a Thai fishing boat. Aboard the fishing boat they received food and water and were taken to Thailand where they spent four months. They arrived at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, on September 4 and in Biloxi on November 17.

Mississippians Doug Kellum chose this family at Fort Chaffee as the family he thought the Biloxi church should sponsor. Rev. Frank Gunn, Biloxi pastor, says, "We feel very strongly that the Lord had the personal touch in this selection. We are the ones benefiting from their coming to Biloxi much more than they are. This has been an exciting venture for us, serving as sponsor for this fine family. It has made our people realize the impact of foreign missions and has allowed us to practice such an interest right here at home as we try to meet their needs."

Phung, the father, was a French teacher in Vietnam. His sister, Bay, was an elementary school

teacher. His two oldest daughters, Minh and Phuong, were students in the law and science colleges in Saigon. The four younger children are all now enrolled in the Biloxi Public School System.

Vernon Dietrich, Southern Baptist missionary to Thailand, baptized Phung, Tung, and Huy in the Gulf of Siam. These three have joined First Church, Biloxi, and other members of the family are in attendance at almost every service.

When the family arrived at the airport in Gulfport, Mr. Dang presented to Pastor Gunn a letter, sharing some of the turmoil the family had encountered before leaving Vietnam and giving a better understanding of what they had been through and how the church might meet their needs. The letter follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen: Today we are very glad to see you welcome us. Our family has spent our life under war which was prolonged brutally on our Vietnamese home land. The brutal war was prolonging on my homeland about 30 years. All days and nights we had to live with frightened, worried under smoke and fire. How scared we were when we saw every day people dead. The heads off the bodies, the bodies broken and more and

more with trucks full of corpses. During this war my family must worked hard to earning and we could feed and educate our children. We know that the U. S. Government and people help us a lot to prevent communist take over but our leaders are good for nothing and guilty of extortion so we lost our home land very quickly on April 30, 1975.

After nightmares, we decided to flee our homeland because we can not live with communist. Communism will rule with blood and violence, no family, no religion but only for communism. We left our property, our relatives brothers, our lovely parent, even gold and money we can not bring with us, because the communist would examine us carefully on the road where we go. They would kill us if they know us fleeing away from them. With many danger we met when we drove over three hundred kilometers to the seashore. After long days and nights floating in the sea for 10 days. As we hurried we didn't bring much food along. We were hungry and thirsty. In this desperate time we prayed to God. How lucky we were! We met a Thailand fishing boat and they helped us with food and water and brought us to Thailand.

Thank God! We out of danger. We liver in Thailand four months. In these days we cried much because of missing the lovely homeland relatives and today we would like to cry more and more; not because of our homeland, but because we are very happy, and we tremble at seeing all of you who are strangers but fully loving us. You are waiting for us to be a part of this parish your community. You'll replace my parents in helping to educate us. Everything is strange with us.

We can't speak English well, we can't hear clearly, we don't know your customs. With your loving support, you'll educate us thoroughly and we'll know very soon how to work for ourselves. We hope to work hard for our new life. This is our true country. Ladies and gentlemen, all the time we are in danger, we always trust in God and pray. Now he gives us this parish to be in. This parish's loving is God's loving. It's true loving. God said that whoever gives the poor something is giving God that thing. We believe and pray that God'll give good things back to you. We wish that we'll be following you leaders to make joy in this parish, and that we'll see God together in Heaven.

The Dang Vang Phung Family

'Cooperative Ministries With National Baptists' Plans Bicentennial Pageant

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
An historic pageant, dramatizing the relationship between black and white Baptists in Mississippi, is to become a Bicentennial project of Mississippi Baptists' Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists. Dick Brogan, director of the department, says that the drama will be presented later this year, possibly at a meeting of the National and Southern Baptist Fellowship.



Early in 1975, Mrs. Irene Long Shurden of Clinton was commissioned to do research on "Black and White Baptists in Mississippi, 1791-1975." Then Bill Lytal, Mrs. Shurden head of the drama department at Mississippi College, was invited to write a pageant based on her findings.

Mrs. Shurden, who has a master's degree in history from Mississippi College, discovered that historical records in black Baptist churches of the state were simply non-existent. However, she read minutes of white Baptist churches and associations from every section of the state, from 1791 to the present. Many resources she needed she found in the files of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission in Clinton.

"One of the best sources of in-

formation about black Baptists," she says, is Patrick Thompson's History of Negro Baptists in Mississippi. "It is out of print, and rare, but the Baptist Historical Commission does have several copies."

For further information about black Baptists she did find some historic items in personal libraries of a few black pastors who kindly allowed her to examine them. "When those black pastors die, their historic materials may be lost, or may disappear, if the pastor's heirs are not interested in preserving them." She said that she strongly feels that some place ought to be provided for the safe keeping of existing records of black Baptists and their churches. She has talked with Dr. R. A. McLemore, director of the Baptist Historical Commission, about this need, and it is possible that a section of the Commission's space may later be used for such a collection.

Though Mrs. Shurden did not prepare her manuscript with the thought that it would be published, she does plan to use the work as a basis for other writing later. Also, Mr. Brogan has plans for developing a tract from the information she has brought to light. "You understand," Mrs. Shurden says, "that the research was on the relationships between black and white Baptists — not on the history of individual churches. I accepted this project because of my

interest in history and because Mr. Brogan said it would fill a need in his work with National Baptists."

She and her husband, Dr. Robert Shurden — professor in MC's department of religion — and eleven-year-old daughter, Sandra, live at 506 Rock Glen in Clinton. They are members of Northside Baptist Church, where she teaches a ladies' Sunday School class and is member of the Social Action Committee, Building Committee, and Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Shurden has assisted in several research projects, such as Dr. McLemore's history of First Baptist Church, Jackson, and has expressed an interest in assisting in others.

In 1791, when America was fifteen years old, a little group of Baptists organized the Salem Church on Cole's Creek in Mississippi territory. Mrs. Shurden's report begins there. Her first mention of an African church is one that joined Mississippi Baptist Association in 1810. Its slave members were urged "to be careful to obtain written permission from their masters or overseers when they assembled to worship." They were to meet "on the second Lord's day of every month at the saw mill of Josiah Flowers on Bayou Pierre," and later in the Bayou Pierre Church.

Not all slaves were members of the African church. Many attend-

ed other churches in the association.

The number of Baptist churches, black and white, grew. "The state government became concerned about the African churches and on June 22, 1822, passed stricter laws regulating worship services and ministers," Mrs. Shurden reports. "African churches disappeared from associational lists. Probably the blacks and whites met together, with servants segregated in the gallery or to certain pews."

The blacks were often allowed to meet in the church buildings for their services at a separate time from the whites.

"Missionary Union Church started in 1833 and continued to meet in the basement of the white Baptist church at Columbus until 1871. The Mt. Helm Baptist Church, started about 1835 and continued to meet in the basement of First Baptist Church, Jackson, until 1897."

Mrs. Shurden quotes from Patrick Thompson as she tells about the early "Sunrise Pray meetings" that the slaves held on Sunday mornings when their masters and the patrols were asleep.

The Mississippi State Baptist Convention was organized in 1824, dissolved in 1829, and reorganized in 1836. "In its first report on colored population in 1836, the convention recommended to churches, ministers, and heads of

families that they realize their responsibility for religious instruction of slaves."

The War Between the States came, and then the slaves were free. As early as 1893, the Mississippi Baptist Association advised churches to organize their colored members into separate bodies because they were no longer slaves.

In 1875, J. B. Gambrell, whose first pastorate had been a black church, stood and offered a resolution that the services of a brother to labor among the colored people of the state should be secured, to "promote the religious interests of that people in every way possible."

In her manuscript, Mrs. Shurden reports on the scattered missionary efforts of white Baptists among the black Baptists in the closing years of the nineteenth century, and the opening years of the twentieth century. She presents the religious picture, as seen from the point of view of blacks as well as that of whites. Her presentation is fair and honest. She tells of the "Jim Crow laws" that made segregation the law of the state, she writes of the strength of the Ku Klux Klan that re-emerged in the 1890's, and of the tribulations the black race endured as a result.

Through the 30's, white Mississippi Baptists continued conducting training schools at Na-

chez and Jackson colleges, paying part of the salary of a missionary and part of the salary of the Bible teacher at Jackson College. Mississippi Baptist Hospital began to accept Negro nursing students.

In 1944 the Mississippi Baptist Seminary was chartered, as an interracial state mission project. It had begun as a seminary in Prentiss in 1942 under leadership of the black preacher, Dr. H. L. Lang.

During the 1940's Mississippi WNU began institutes for Negro women leaders and summer camps for Negro young people.

In 1952, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board voted to establish, in cooperation with the Home Mission Board, a department of Negro work, with W. A. Keel as director. As Mrs. Shurden pointed out in her research paper, this department was to be a "cooperative movement in which white and black leaders worked together in training the Negro leadership."

The 1960's saw sit-ins, Freedom Riders, church burnings, and freedom songs. "The summer of 1964," reports Mrs. Shurden, "witnessed at least three murders, 60 beatings, 35 shootings, 35 churches burned, and 31 bombings."

She continues, "Finally overt concern among white Baptists be-

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Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response

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Today's Youth



Ruth Fairchild (or Candy, the Christian Clown) with her rabbit puppet, Cheryl.

15-Year-Old Joins Fairchild Traveling Team

Ruth Fairchild, age 15, is now a regular member of the Fairchild Evangelism Team. As Candy, the Christian Clown, she travels full-time with her father, Rev. Al Fairchild, preacher and magician, and her mother, Molly Fairchild, ventriloquist. Her sisters, Susie

and Ann Marie, also are ventriloquists.

Ruth, studying by correspondence with the American School of Chicago, is a straight-A student.

At a meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Magicians last year she won first place in the talent contest.

In Pennuganda, South India, a children's library has been named the Ruth Fairchild Library. When Ruth and her father (an evangelist who travels with the E. J. Daniels Crusade Team) went to India last winter they spoke at least 130 times. In services they led there were 7,000 decisions recorded, with 3700 professions of faith. In one junior college of 1100 students, 700 made professions of faith in Christ.

Recently Ruth and her rabbit puppet, Cheryl, presented a devotional program at Parchman.

The Fairchild family of Moselle, Ms. travels in a mobile vehicle that can sleep twelve persons.

They had planned to go back to India this Christmas, but the meetings there have been postponed.

This Day

I've never seen this day before and never will again. If I do, it will be well-worn and too familiar to the touch. —Mark E. Leggett



Central, Brookhaven, Baptist Young Women Give Fashion Show

The Faith In Action Baptist Young Women of Central Church, Brookhaven, at the Lincoln County W. M. U. associational meeting at Macedonia Church. They chose to do a contemporary style show. There were six girls in the show, each wearing an outfit she had made: Shirley Labeth, European style peasant dress; Ruby Porter, Japanese kimono; Charlotte Porter, Middle East - African caftan; Rita Cothran, Mexican poncho; Linca McKee, American travel outfit; and Mary A. Thurman, Western style jeans and embroidered shirt. Narrating the style show was Mary Patrick. She gave very information concerning missions and BYW,

and also described the outfit as each girl modeled. Each model shared what BYW meant to her and explained the work that is being done and some interesting events they are planning for the future, such as Kaleidoscope '76. These girls also did this show for their own BYW and Baptist Women's general meeting.

Some weeks later they were invited to present the same contemporary style show at the Crystal Springs Church, Dexter, Mississippi, for the Walthall County associational meeting. However, three of the above mentioned models were unable to go to Dexter, but loaned their outfits to Brenda Bryant, Janice Welborn and Georgia Myers to use.

Bicentennial Pageant

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gan to emerge." The editor of the Baptist Record wrote an editorial, "Smoke Over Mississippi," saying, "Mississippians of both races are deeply distressed by these tragic events. . . . Christians of both races in Mississippi want these problems of racial conflict solved peaceably and justly. . . ." From this concern came a plan to rebuild the burned churches. Baptists, Protestants, Catholics and Jews worked together through the Committee of Concern, with Dr. W. P. Davis as chairman of the committee. Dr. Davis was then the director of the Department of Work with National (black) Baptists.

Dr. Davis' report of the department's work in 1969, according to Mrs. Shurden, showed significant achievements in 35 seminary centers; 25,000 participating in Sophia Sutton activities; a child care program at Hart Center in Jackson; leadership training programs; and Baptist student work in several colleges.

The 70s under Dick Brogan's leadership brought more signs of progress: regional conferences for pastors and laymen of Southern Baptist and National Baptist Convention churches, the first of these at First Church, Yazoo City; a Human Relations Conference at Sophia Sutton Assembly. In 1973, Owen Cooper, then SBC president, hosted a meeting in Jackson honoring L. Venchael Booth, native Mississippi serving as president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

"Some white churches opened their doors to blacks; some blacks chose to become members of what had been white Baptist churches," Mrs. Shurden's report reveals.

The Shurden family left Mississippi in the 60's and lived for a few years in Kentucky and Arkansas. "When we returned in 1972," Mrs. Shurden says, "I could see much difference in race relations in Mississippi and I feel that racial tension is decreasing. As one observes the state objectively, he discerns a new spirit emerging."

In 1975, the Department of Work with National Baptists celebrated its 22nd anniversary. Its new name, Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, signifies that the relationship between black and white Baptists of the state is now a fraternal, rather than a paternal, one. Its purpose remains, as ever, "to assist Southern and National Baptists in affirming our unity in Christ. . . ."

Harmony Youths "Rock In" The New Year

The youth of Harmony Church of Laurel had a unique New Year's Eve fellowship. The y "rocked in" the new year in rocking chairs! In addition to a feature length movie, action games, Bible study and food, these guys and gals rocked for money-to be given directly to the Little Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

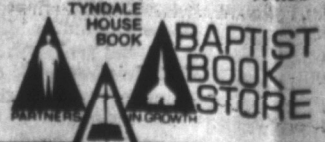
Rev. Jim Mashburn, pastor of Harmony, states, "The fellowship lasted all night. The Rock-In-Lock-In began immediately following the regular midweek prayer service."

We are not to expect to be translated from despotism to liberty in a featherbed. — Thomas Jefferson

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it. — Thomas Paine



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William Carey Chorale Now On Annual Tour

The William Carey College Chorale left on December 29 for its annual tour and will this year perform throughout the East as well as the South, going as far north as East Hartford, Conn. According to Dr. Donald Winters, conductor of the Chorale and Dean of the Carey School of Music, the 40-voice Chorale will perform in New York

City; Philadelphia, Pa.; Richmond, Virginia; Charlotte, N. C.; Auburn, Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama; Meridian, Bay Springs, Laurel, Poplarville, Buckatunna, Gulfport, Biloxi, Hattiesburg, and New Orleans. The Chorale will return to the campus on January 16.

Summer Missions Includes Bicentennial-Related Work

ATLANTA, GA — Student summer missions, offering ten week mission appointments for college students, will include special bicentennial related projects as well as assignments in all Home Mission Board program areas.

Deadline for applications is January 15, 1976.

One team of students will be assigned to a musical drama team which will tour the east coast, visiting 20 cities, performing "The Fabric of Freedom", a special HMB presentation depicting the nation's growth in relation to our religious heritage, said Emory Smith, of the HMB's Department of Special Mission Ministries which handles summer missions assignments.

Another team will be assigned to perform musically and with puppets at various national monuments in Washington, D. C. They will perform at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and at the White House, for people who will be waiting in lines this summer to visit these places.

Another musical drama team will perform this summer at Grand Canyon National Park with a special bicentennial emphasis in their program. Other national and state parks will have student summer missionaries coordinating special bicentennial programs and leading campers in worship experiences.

"The summer of 1976 is a preparation year for the SBC's Bold Mission emphasis," said Smith. "We'll have student summer missionaries in many pilot projects in areas where there is no evangelical witness. In states such as Maryland, Illinois, Indiana and in New England."

Other students will be assigned to such ministries as seamen's and resort work, as interim pastors in mission churches, with senior citizens, and in prison and apartment ministries. Several students will be in a special project giving emphasis to Christian witness on the political scene.

"Plus, we always have need of students to do general mission work and have a special need for students with language abilities," said Smith.

The Home Mission Board, along with state Baptist Student Unions, expect to appoint 1,200 students to summer missions.

Applications and inquiries may be sent to: Special Mission Ministries, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga., 30309.

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MC Gets \$1500 Grant

Mississippi College has received a \$1,500 matching grant from the Presser Foundation of Bryn Mawr, Pa., for use in expanding the collection of classical records and tapes in the music section of the newly dedicated Learning Resources Center. Looking over some of the material that will be added are, from the left, Billy Lytal, director of the Learning Resources Center; Dr. Charles E. Martin, vice-president for academic affairs; and Dr. Ralph Taylor, associate professor of music. The Presser Foundation grant comes through the Committee for Advancement of Music. (M.C. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)



Honored By College

Dr. Howard E. Spell (left), former dean of the college and professor of Bible at Mississippi College, was honored by the college this week with the presentation of a "Service to Humanity" Award following an address by him to the student body. With him are Mrs. Spell and Dr. W. W. Stevens, chairman of the Division of Religion. The Spells were honored at a reception following the chapel ceremonies. Dr. Spell served at the college 37 years, working under the administration of four different presidents. The issuance of "Service to Humanity" Awards is one of the college's means of celebrating its 150th anniversary year as an educational institution. (M. C. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Whose Church Is This?

By Bill Duncan
Matthew 18: 1 - 35

Have you ever read the deed pertaining to your church buildings and property? I remember a Baptist church deed that was recorded in the name of a deacon. You can believe it! He determined everything about the church. Sure he built the building, but it did not belong to him. The church has problems unto they got his name off the deed.

Whose name should be on the deed declaring the rightful owner? Do you say it is the Lord's house? The church is not the building, but the people who meet there to worship the Lord are the church. To whom do these people belong?

If the church belongs to the Lord, then the rule of Christ should be evident in the life of a church. In this section of scriptures (Matt. 18:1-35) Jesus deals with life in God's church, our Lord dealt explicitly with many of the daily problems of living in the fellowship.

Someone may ask you, "What do you do in the church?" It is more than preaching and singing. After reading Matthew 18, what are some ways in which the rule

of Christ can be seen in the life of the church? Here are ten responses to consider and to which you may add:

1. Acceptance of each member as a brother.
2. Care demonstrated to other persons.
3. Forgiveness is offered to all.
4. Prayer with one another about problems.
5. Humility of the member especially the leaders.
6. Nurturing the disadvantaged of the fellowship and community.
7. Vital concern for the outsider who is not a member of the group.
8. Giving without regard for return.
9. Love for all, even their enemies.
10. Spiritual takes priority over the material.

GREATNESS IN THE CHURCH
One of the most serious threats to the fellowship of the church is pride. Jesus answers the serious threat about greatness by means of an acted parable, placing a child in their midst. He affirmed the fact that man must have a different spirit or he will never enter the Kingdom. They must turn and become like children. There must be conversion which is a reversal of life's basic attitudes and course. There must be renewal. To enter the Kingdom means that one must start life over

with basically new attitudes, values, trust, and commitment. Childlikeness is the measure of greatness within the Kingdom as well as the condition of entrance. The greatest is the one who humbles himself the most. Jesus stressed humility as the opposite to the disciples' proud ambitions (Mark 9:33-41).

DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE CHURCH

Acceptance of everyone as a brother within the church is a basic test of fellowship. Jesus identified himself with the little people of the world. The little people mean both children and those commonly overlooked, neglected or exploited. To Jesus there were no important people. Little ones may be his term for all his disciples. To cause one of these little ones to sin is worse than to die. There are many causes for stumbling, but the one that Jesus refers to in Matthew 18 is proud ambition such as just manifested by the disciples.

Discipline is required in the church to pay for victory over temptations to sin and to safeguard against his own stumbling. Just as one would cut off a foot to save a life, so discipline is not too great a price to pay for victory over temptations to sin.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE TO CORRECT AND RECOVER

What should you do when you know a brother has sinned against you? The wronged person is in better position to initiate reconciliation than the wrongdoer (Gal. 6:1). Jesus was concerned that the reconciliation be effected without unnecessary public exposure of the wrongdoer. The wronged is to exclude any disposition to punish, to embarrass or to hold one up for scorn. Only where all private efforts fail is it necessary to call the offender before the church.

The concern for church discipline is to salvage and strengthen, not to expose or dispose of erring ones. The church is responsible for each member and each member is answerable to the church. There is the assurance of divine presence and help as Christ's people undertake the difficult work of the care of one another even to the extent of corrective and redemptive discipline. Reconciliation is the Christian business, even as it is that of Christ, and it knows no limits. Forgiveness is the heart of what the church should be doing. God cannot forgive us until we forgive others. The disciple's obligation to forgive is unconditional and unlimited. It is governed not by mathematics but by a disposition which comes from Christ. The more we practice his presence the more like him we shall be in the church.

By Wm. J. Falls
Matthew 8:1 to 9:34

Occasionally while studying any book in the Bible it is helpful to try to see it as a whole. Studying carefully only a few verses at a time might cause a person to miss the larger meaning of the book. If you look at an outline of the Gospel of Matthew, you will see the background Bible passage for this lesson is the third major section in the Gospel. Early in Jesus' ministry came the Sermon on the Mount in chapter 5-7. Just as that was a significant body of teaching, chapters 8-9 major on Jesus' healing ministry. Perhaps Matthew wanted to show how Jesus proved in his compassion some of the principles he stated in the Sermon. At least they show what kind of Person Jesus was and why his opposition would soon appear.



The Lesson Explained
Into the Valley of Human Need
The larger lesson passage begins: "When he was come down from the mountain" (8:11) and it tells what happened right after the Sermon on the Mount. Quickly we read of Jesus healing a leper, a centurion's servant, Peter's mother-in-law, and two men possessed with demons. In chapter 9 he healed a paralytic before the printed passage picks up the story. We note two truths: that all kinds of people asked Jesus for help and that he dealt with many kinds of disability.

Raising The Ruler's Daughter
(Verses 18-19, 23-26)

"Ruler" in verse 18 is described in Mark 5:22 as a ruler of the synagogue; he was a prominent man in the Jewish community. But he was also a grieving man; his little daughter had just died. He was also a believing man; he knew enough about Jesus to be confident that he could restore her life with his hand.

When he reached the house, Jesus was confronted with the customary funeral activity. An ancient source says, "Even the poorest in Israel should hire not less than two flutes and one wailing woman" for his wife's funeral. These professional mourners laughed scornfully when Jesus said, "The maid is not dead, but asleep." Death is more than sleep, but under Jesus' power it would seem like sleep. With the noisy crowd out of the way, Jesus took her by the hand, and Mark says he spoke to her. When the girl was seen alive, the amazing news spread quickly.

Curing A Chronic Disability
(Verses 20-22)

This miracle happened while Jesus was on the way to the ruler's house. For twelve years the woman had endured spells of internal bleeding; not only did it make her unclean according to Jewish law, but it kept her continually weak. Surely, the healing teacher from Nazareth could help her; he had done so many wonderful things.



Prayer Ministry Continues At Parkway

The August 14 issue of the Baptist Record printed a story about Rev. W. R. Storie, retired pastor, almost blind, who carries on a prayer ministry by telephone from Parkway Church, Jackson.

In the first six months of his work, Mr. Storie made 700 personal contacts. He reports that at the end of eleven months he had made 1600 prayer contacts with individuals, either by telephone or in person.

Parkway has now voted to set aside a Prayer Fund for his use in this ministry. Also the church (Dr. Bill Causey, pastor) is considering adding helpers to aid in the telephoning and other phases of the work. Mr. Storie says that

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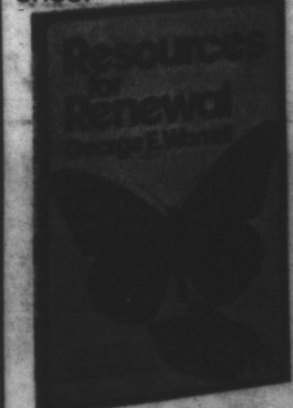
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Goss Celebrates Porter Buckley Day

Sunday, January 4 was set aside as "PORTER BUCKLEY DAY" at Goss Church. This day was set aside to honor Mr. Buckley and "Mrs. Irma" for their many years of faithfulness to the people, the church, and the community. They mean much to neighboring towns and communities also. Mr. Buckley is a retired pastor. During morning worship hour that day a program of inspirational music was presented by the Buckley family under the direction of Mrs. Marian Wilks and Sidney Buckley.

Preparing for the Lay Renewal Experience

George E. Worrell, of the Evangelism Division for Texas Baptists, has gathered resources and suggestions from across the United States to offer to pastors and church leaders who are preparing for a lay renewal experience.



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Mississippi Association Calls Jones As Director Of Missions

John Paul Jones resigned as pastor of McCordy Church (Chickasaw) effective January 11, to accept the post of director of missions of Mississippi Association, composed of Amite and Wilkinson Counties. There are 27 churches in the two-county area. The family will live at Liberty.

Mr. Jones has served as pastor at McCordy for over eleven years, August, 1963 to June 1968, and again from Oct. 1969, until the present. Previous

pastorates include Phalt (Clarke) and Springhill (Calhoun). Also, he was minister of education of Southside, Hattiesburg.

Native of Wayne County, he was ordained to the ministry by Calvary, Waynesboro. Mrs. Jones is the former Mary Jane McDowell of Ackerman. They have one daughter, Pam, a senior at Mississippi State University.



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Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record



Poplar Springs Drive To Erect Christian Activities Building

Poplar Springs Drive Church of Meridian on December 21, 1975 conducted a ground breaking ceremony for a new Christian Activities Building. The building will include gymnasium, office, game room, snack and lounge areas, crafts rooms and space for other activities. Total cost will be about \$245,000. L. B. Priester & Sons of Meridian is the

contractor and J. W. McCleskey of Hattiesburg is the architect. Members of the building committee pictured above are (left to right): E. L. Milling, Bob McRae, Lamar McDonald, Jr., Mrs. C. M. Buchanan, Mrs. David White, Mrs. Jack Medlin, Buddy Coleman, Chairman, and Rev. James Ruffin, pastor.



Dorsey Buys Fourth Bus

These are the people who attended Dorsey Church on church buses, December 21. Three buses are shown and the fourth will be ready to begin running, soon. Pastor S. E. O'Brien says, "I know of no better way to celebrate Christ's birthday than bringing children to the Lord's House and teaching them about Jesus Christ, and His love for them."

Central Pastor

Entertains Deacons

Rev. and Mrs. H. Glen Schilling entertained the deacons and their wives of Central Church, Brookhaven in their home on North

Jackson Street during the holiday season. Thirty-four were in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Taylor, Jr., of McComb, daughters and sons-in-law of the Schillings helped in welcoming the guests.



Mashulaville Calls Rev. John Williams

Rev. John A. Williams has accepted the call to become pastor of Mashulaville Church, Macon, in Noxubee County. He and Mrs. Williams moved into the parsonage there on December 19.

A native Clay Countian, he has served twenty years with the USAF as a radar technician and is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida. His most recent pastorate was Hebron (Clay). He was employed by United Insurance Company of America, but gave up this Mashulaville pastorate.

Volunteers Needed In Jackson

"What we need, money can't buy... we need you!" says Fran Leber, co-director of the Jackson Voluntary Action Center.

Many volunteers are needed to man a rape counseling service "hotline." Training period of eight hours is provided on every other Tuesday night from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Transportation is needed for a woman who lives near Applegate Shopping Center to Lloyd's Clinic near Jackson Mall.

An art association needs volunteers to man a gift shop Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A registered nurse is needed to work at a maternity pediatric clinic from 5-8 p.m., Monday nights starting the first of January.

A South Jackson eighty-one year old man needs a male sitter at St. Dominics Hospital after he has had an eye operation, sometime after January 5th.

There's a need for whatever you can do, helping the disadvantaged... the old, the young, the sick, the "misfortunate."

Jackson Voluntary Action Center can direct you to the best place in the community to put your talents or skills to work. Call or visit the Jackson Voluntary Action Center 326 South Street, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 326 South St., 334-1765.

Ebenezer Receives Request For Cemetery Fund

Ebenezer Church, Mississippi Association, was recently in receipt of a check for \$3,000 designated to be used in the Cemetery Endowment Fund at the bequest of Monette Gunby, Centerville, who died April 2, 1975. Mr. Gunby was a life-long member of Ebenezer and was a deacon and church treasurer for many years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Veda Gunby, Centerville.

Mr. Gunby also left with the Baptist Foundation \$50,000. The interest to be used to help educate young preachers.

Rev. M. E. Causey is the Ebenezer pastor.

Devotional

The B In The Bicentennial

By J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director Christian Action Commission

"What do you do?" reflects the work ethic of our culture, and a person is classified and sometimes judged by his vocation. "How are you?" we ask, and the response is usually on the basis of health. The answer is "fine" even if we have just left the doctor's office with a diagnosis of a serious illness. This query is considered merely conversational and of little real interest.

"How you be?" This is not good English, perhaps, but more significant than the other two questions. Too private, maybe!

Many doers have contributed much to the strength of our nation, but a proper emphasis upon being, rather than doing, would be more appropriate for the Bicentennial celebration.

"Freedom to be" and "freedom to become" are uniquely possible in the United States because we have less oppression of spirit than most nations of the world. Paul said, "Brethren, you have been called to liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love, serve one another" (Gal. 5:13). The strong inference is that we are to exercise "Responsible Freedom." Dr. Bob E. Adams, associate professor, Christian Ethics, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, speaking recently in Jackson, said, "Freedom in a Christian context is more 'freedom for' than 'freedom from' — freedom for a positive relationship with God, with neighbor and with self. Freedom from can mistakenly be used to sever or weaken ties with neighbor in the name of strengthening a relationship with God; this is false!

"There is a threefold and inseparable relationship in the Christian faith: God in Christ, neighbor and self. Responsible freedom for a Christian must include this threefold relationship. Any time I can strengthen my bond with my neighbor in the name of Christ, I am strengthening my bond with Christ, who commanded me to love my neighbor as myself."

So as a maturing Christian, my freedom to be and my freedom to become involves bringing the gospel to bear in a total life situation. This includes family, citizenship, community, church, leisure time, economics and all human relationships. This is evangelism and ethics. It is what the Christian life is all about.

Putting the B in the Bicentennial involves recounting and celebrating the Blessings of the past and becoming with vision and vitality the people of God.

"Hand of God, reach out once more
And with the 'Breath of Life' restore
Your spirit in the flesh of men
So we may live in peace again;
For mankind's future and survival
Depend alone on the Spirit's revival."

From Helen Steiner Rice

"God of Creation, Save our Nation"

Off The Record

A traveling salesman took his young son on one of his trips. One day after their return home, a C.O.D. package was delivered. Neither of the parents had the necessary \$5, but the boy produced it.

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he came to have that much money.

"Well," he answered, "Dad was awfully careless with his money on our trip and nearly always left some on the table when we ate. So I just picked it up."

Just don't borrow trouble — the interest eats up the principal. Deal in futures — to get ahead one must look forward, always.

Beyond the Ironing Board

It's January Bible Study time again. This year it's Hosea we're studying. Why in the world should we hyper-busy twentieth century folks bother with what a fellow said and did nearly three thousand years ago? Possibly because he can say to us exactly what we need to hear, and in a way we need to hear it, in the tone of voice we sort of listen for today. We listen to people who seem to care. And Hosea cared. A voice warmed with love catches our attention. And Hosea loved.

I'm not an authority on Hosea, but between Fred M. Wood's book HOSEA: PROPHET OF RECONCILIATION, written beautifully for the January Bible Study, and James Fancher, who studies aloud to me occasionally as he prepares to teach in January Bible Studies, I'm becoming more appreciative of, and understanding of, Hosea. He's always been a bit special to me because of his bent toward forgiveness, but that is only one facet of his greatness, I'm coming to see.

Hosea's world was just as messed up for him as ours is for us. God called him to live in and work in and call that world to repentance just as God calls us. Hosea's prophecy has something for every Christian — husbands, wives, children, friends, national leaders, you name it, Hosea speaks to him — right where he lives.

We people who try to live by Christian principles need to make time this month to be in our church's January Bible Study, an activity that really wasn't planned, as some folks seem to think, just to make the church look busier and more progressive in January, but to provide, in a reasonably slow time, concentrated study of a book in our Bible helpful to our life and times.

But it can't help us if we aren't there.

MEXICO CITY, Mexico — Four Baptist-sponsored color films in Spanish, produced by a local professional production company and written by Southern Baptist Missionary Alan W. Compton, are being released here. Part of a series, the films deal with the birth, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Three of the four will be released soon, the other is still in the production stages.



Chester Church (Choctaw County) broke ground in November for a new auditorium and education building. The corner of the original frame building is seen above at extreme right.

Chester Church To Build New Sanctuary

Chester Church, R. 3, Ackerman (Choctaw County), broke ground for a new building on November 9. Rev. Gwin H. Middleton is pastor.

The new structure will be brick veneer and will include both a new auditorium and an educational building. It is to be located just behind the original frame building which was erected nearly 100 years ago. When the new construction is completed the old building will be demolished to provide space for a parking area.

Construction is being done by members of the congregation, and is being done on a pay as you go basis. A number of contractors in various building trades are members of the church, and these, along with many other members, are all having a part in the new construction, according to the pastor. An attractive and commodious new pastor's home

was built in similar manner about four years ago. The pastor adds that "a great spirit prevails in the church."



Left to right are participants in the ground breaking at Chester Church: Red King, J. T. Perry, James McClure, chairman, Building Committee; Richard Hodges, and Rev. Gwin H. Middleton, pastor.



Leflore Begins New Building

Leflore Church, Grenada, broke ground recently for a new educational building. Rev. Buster Thomas, pastor, was in charge of the ground breaking ceremony. Wayne Corder is chairman of the building committee.

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